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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) MONTANA CATTLE AND BISON
STATE OFFICE BUILDING) IMPORTATION EMBARGO
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH) (AMENDED - SEPTEMBER 5, 2008)
FOURTH FLOOR)
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509)

Effective September 3, 2008, the USDA/APHIS/VS downgraded the State of Montana's Brucellosis Class Free state status to a Class A state status due to the discovery of brucellosis infected herds in recent months. This Embargo is being issued to protect the Nebraska cattle and bison industries, and to aide in the tracing of cattle imported from Montana into Nebraska.

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-701 and §54-753.05, this Embargo is issued this 5th day of September, 2008, for the purpose of protecting the health status of Nebraska's dairy, beef and bison industries.

This Order is in addition to requirements found in the current Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 through 54-796); and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations (23 NAC, Chapter 2).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- I. All sexually intact cattle and bison entering Nebraska from **Madison, Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and/or Carbon Counties** in Montana, except those moving directly to slaughter, shall meet the following requirements:
 1. Obtain a pre-entry permit by calling (402) 471-2351; AND
 2. The Pre-entry permit number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

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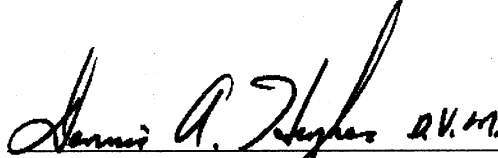
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- II. In addition to the above requirements, all sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age and older, originating from any county in Montana, except those originating directly from a Certified Brucellosis Free herd, shall be tested negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to being imported into Nebraska.
- III. **Exceptions to Import Requirements for cattle and bison originating from Montana:**
1. Montana cattle and bison which have been exposed (direct contact) to a herd quarantined for brucellosis are not eligible for import into Nebraska unless such cattle or bison are moving directly to the slaughter facility without being off-loaded.
 2. Montana cattle and bison moving to Nebraska for slaughter purposes only do not fall under the authority of this order, but shall move directly to the slaughter facility without being off-loaded.
 3. The movement of sexually altered (steers and spayed heifers) cattle and bison is not restricted by this Embargo.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Any additional exceptions to this Order will only be by approval of the State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk determination.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2008.

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